

## Busy Week-End; Good Opera and Many Concerts

By Sylvester Rawling.

It was a busy week at the Metropolitan Opera House. There was a special Friday matinee performance of "Madame Butterfly," with Geraldine Farrar as the guileless Japanese maiden. "Mephistopheles" was given on Saturday afternoon, Peralta making her debut as Helen of Troy, and "Aida" was sung in the evening. Last night, at the Sunday concert, Efrem Zimbalist, the eminent violinist, was the particular star, but Nicola Zernov, the tenor, also was brought forward. There was a rumor that he is being groomed for a forthcoming production of "Otello." He sang "Celeste Aida" with power and with no little beauty of voice, but without distinction.

David Bispham was the protagonist at the Symphony Society's concert in Aeolian Hall yesterday afternoon. He read Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," with Walter Damrosch and his orchestra and Rachel Morton Harris, soprano, and

Ada Tyrone, contralto, and a chorus of women's voices from the Oratorio Society supporting him and playing up to him. Mr. Bispham bore the burden worthily. If early in his career he had not found that he had a singing voice, he would have been a distinguished figure on the dramatic stage. The concert was a treat for its rarity. The crowded audience cackled, and laughed, and applauded, and, therefore, all was well; but nobody knows better than Mr. Damrosch that that sort of thing wouldn't do for a steady diet.

Beno Moiseiwitsch, the pianist, was the soloist with the National Symphony Orchestra at its concert in Carnegie Hall on Saturday afternoon and last evening. He elected to play in Rachmaninoff's second concerto, in which he did credit alike to the composer and to himself. Mr. Bodansky led the orchestra in an admirable presentation of Gluck's overture to "Iphigenia in Aulis" and Wagner's "Die Meistersinger."

Miss Soller conducted a symphony band at Madison Square Garden last night. She used both arms and hands intelligently and was a picturesque figure, but she could not resist the temptation every once in a while to kick her skirt out of the way. Miss Soller also played the flute and played it well.

Stipetto Lazaro, tenor, assisted by Mercedes Padrosa, pianist, and Hector Cabral, violinist, gave a concert at Carnegie Hall yesterday afternoon.

## 3 HURT WHEN TAXI CRASHES WITH AUTO

Two Women Cut by Glass Compelled to Go to Presbyterian Hospital.

A taxicab containing three passengers rolled with an automobile driven by Frank Duet of No. 424 East 72d Street at 74th Street and Second Avenue at 4 A. M. to-day.

The passengers in the taxi, Miss Beatrice Sullivan, twenty, No. 2157 Bathgate Avenue, Lillian Collins, nineteen, 214 East 42d Street, and William McNamara, twenty-five, No. 349 West 17th Street, were hurt by falling glass and were taken to Presbyterian Hospital, where the women had to remain. McNamara was able to go home. The taxi driver escaped injury.

## WILL RETURN TO THE STAGE.

Mrs. A. Hammerstein to Have Prima Donna Role in "Tinkle Me."

Mrs. Arthur Hammerstein, who, before her marriage to the theatrical producer more than a year ago, was known in musical comedy as Claire Nale, "the Kodak girl," because of the appearance of her photographs in magazines and on posters, will return to the stage. It was learned yesterday as the prima donna in "Tinkle Me," in which Frank Tinney is starring at the Selwyn Theatre. The play was produced by Mr. Hammerstein. Mrs. Hammerstein was the culmination of a six weeks' romance which began at rehearsals of "Tinkle Me." The marriage, Mr. Hammerstein's third, received widespread attention.

## FINDS "FLU" GIVES IMMUNITY

Should It Become Prevalent This Winter It Is Likely to Be Mild.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Influenza attacks carry with them "a definite immunity to subsequent attacks, lasting several years," according to conclusions reached by the Public Health Service after intensive study in the homes where the disease was epidemic in 1918-19. The statement by Surgeon General Cummings adds: "It becomes prevalent here and there (this winter) but would not assume the epidemic proportions of the last two years, nor would it 'age' in such severe form."

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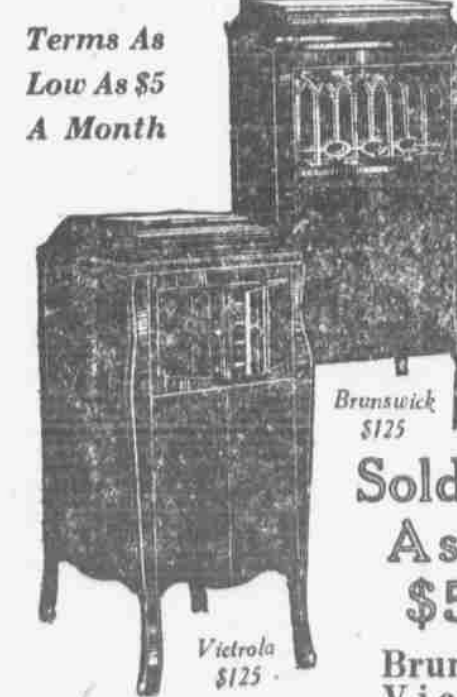
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